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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Copies of the listed documents citing the same are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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